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1. The Kosciuszko Iron Works in Chorzow consists of two large blast furnaces and produces about 370,000 tons of pig iron and 270,000 tons of steel annually. It employs more than 10,000 workers.* Ing. (fnu) Stefanski is the director of the plant. In August 1951, a fully automatic furnace (Soviet model) was put into operation. It is the only one of its kind in Poland. Still under construction (by Czechoslovakian specialists) is a modern coke plant which will have two Koppers ovens and which will be capable of producing 1,800 tons of coke daily.
2. The Bobrek Iron Works in Bobrek near Bytom has four large blast furnaces which produce about 500,000 tons of pig iron and 400,000 tons of steel annually. In 1945 the Soviets dismantled the rolling mill, forge and other mechanical installations; these have since been replaced by modern ones. Security measures at this plant are strictly enforced and even officials have difficulty in gaining entry. All permits are issued only after a formal written application has been submitted to the plant directorate. Ing. (fnu) Mazanek, one of the most renowned Polish specialists for large furnaces, is employed in this plant.
3. These two plants, like all industrial plants in Poland, are under the protection of the R.O.P. (Referat Ochrony Przemyslu, Department for Industrial Protection) which is part of the U.B.

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Comment:

Kosciuszko employed 6,862 persons (5,884 workers and 978 office personnel), and Bobrek employed 4,813 (4,207 workers and 606 office personnel). For Kosciuszko's 1949 and 1950 production

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